IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SATOSHI ASARI, et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop: Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire December 2, 2008. The pending claims, claims 1-6, were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment(s) are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper. A Listing of the Claims begins on page 5 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.